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***Carson Announces COPS In School Grant Available For Local Law Enforcement***

Washington, D.C. --

Congressman Brad Carson announced today that the Community Oriented Policing Service (COPS) Office is now soliciting applications for the COPS in School (CIS) program. The CIS program is designed to assist law enforcement agencies in hiring new or additional school resource officers to engage in community policing in and around schools. Officers hired must devote at least 75% of their time to working at the assigned schools.

The grant will provide up to \$125,000 per officer over a three-year grant period. Officers paid with COPS in School funding can only be hired on or after the grant award start date. In addition, all jurisdictions that apply must demonstrate that they have primary law enforcement authority over the school(s) identified in their application. Applicants must also demonstrate their inability to implement this project without Federal assistance.

All applicants must provide a detailed plan to retain the officer(s) hired by the grant for one full budget cycle.

The deadline for the COPS in School program is June 13, 2003. Previous applicants for funding must resubmit their application to be considered in this round of funding.

For additional information, you can visit the COPS webpage at <http://www.cops.usdoj.gov>

To obtain a copy of the 2003 CIS Application Kit, you can call the US Department of Justice Response Center at 1-800-421-6770.

Any interested local law enforcement is encouraged to contact Shane Jernigan, Grants Director, with Congressman Carson's office at (202) 225-2701.

“This grant has historically been very beneficial to rural communities,” said Congressman Carson. “I would encourage any local law enforcement departments to contact my office to see if they could benefit from this grant funding. It is important that we take advantage of these federal grant programs to better the quality of life of our communities throughout Oklahoma.”

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